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## Statement on Chinese-American Veterans of World War II October 25, 1999

I am honored to recognize the contributions of Chinese-Americans during World War II. This untold story is one of great patriotism and heroism. Some 20,000 Chinese-Americans served our country during this period as aviation specialists, paratroopers, military intelligence officers, medics, in the Women Army Corps (WAC's) and Women Army Air Force Service (WASP's) and so on. From Normandy to prisoner of war camps, they served this Nation with great pride and courage.

Asian-Americans, as demonstrated by the veterans I met today, have proved over and over again their loyalty to this country. It is intolerable that the patriotism of Asian-Americans continues to be questioned, in the light of the re-

cent allegations of espionage at one of our national laboratories. Asian-American scientists like those who have served proudly in our military have made significant contributions to our national security and have made the U.S. the foremost leader in scientific achievements. Yet instead of our thanks, many have received nothing but suspicion and prejudice.

Racism and stereotyping have no place in our Nation of diverse peoples who trace their ancestry to every corner of the globe. The remarkable men and women that I met today are examples of why our diversity is our greatest strength. Today I honor these Chinese-American veterans of World War II and their service and steadfast loyalty to this country.

## Statement on the Election of Fernando de la Rúa as President of Argentina October 25, 1999

On behalf of the people of the United States, I congratulate Fernando de la Rúa on his victory in Argentina's Presidential election. The Argentine elections were a model of civic participation

and a testament to the strength and vibrancy of Argentina's democracy.

I look forward to working with President-elect de la Rúa and to deepening the partnership between our two nations.

## Remarks at a "Broadway for Hillary" Celebration in New York City October 25, 1999

Now, you all just relax while I get used to my new role. *[Laughter]* Somewhere between the amen corner for Jimmy Naughton, the straight man for Rosie, and the warmup for Hillary, I'll figure out something to do. *[Laughter]*

Jim, that was a heck of a speech. It's a good thing you didn't file; Al and Bill would be nervous about that. *[Laughter]*

I want to thank all of you for being here tonight. I'm profoundly grateful to everyone who conceived and put together this program, and all the people who gave their time. I remember the "Broadway for Clinton" program back in June of '92. And I remember the people who

performed and the people who came, because I was running third in the polls back then. *[Laughter]* But by the time the convention rolled around, everything had changed.

I want to thank Senator Schumer for his remarks and his support; the New York legislative leaders that are here: Speaker Silver, Majority Leader Bragman, Senator Martin Connor; Judith Hope, the State Democratic chair; our borough president, C. Virginia Fields; the Bronx borough president, Freddy Ferrer; City Council Speaker Peter Vallone; Comptroller Alan Hevesi; and Mark Green, our longtime friend, the public